

CLAIMS

1. A cGMP-visualizing probe, comprising:
a polypeptide that binds specifically to cGMP; and
two chromophores with different fluorescence wavelengths, which
are each linked separately to the two terminals of the
polypeptide.
2. The cGMP-visualizing probe of claim 1, wherein the
polypeptide that binds specifically to cGMP is a cGMP-binding
protein.
3. The cGMP-visualizing probe of claim 2, wherein the
polypeptide that binds specifically to cGMP is cGMP-dependent
kinase $\text{I}\alpha$.
4. The cGMP-visualizing probe of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein
the chromophores are cyan fluorescent protein linked to the
N-terminal of the polypeptide and yellow fluorescent protein
linked to the C-terminal of the polypeptide.
5. A method for detecting and quantifying cGMP, which comprises:
making the cGMP-visualizing probe of any one of claims 1 to 4
coexist with cGMP; and
measuring the change in the fluorescence wavelength.
6. The method for detecting and quantifying cGMP of claim 5,
which comprises introducing a polynucleotide expressing the
cGMP-visualizing probe of any one of claims 1 to 4 into cells,
whereby making the cGMP-visualizing probe coexist with cGMP.
7. The method for detecting and quantifying cGMP of claim 5,
which comprises:

introducing a polynucleotide expressing a cGMP-visualizing probe of any one of claims 1 to 4 into cells; and performing ontogenesis from the non-human animal totipotent cells, thereby making the cGMP-visualizing probe coexist with cGMP in every cell of the resultant animal or its offspring.

8. A non-human animal or offspring thereof, which is obtained by introducing a polynucleotide expressing a cGMP-visualizing probe of any one of claims 1 to 4 into cells and performing ontogenesis from the non-human animal totipotent cells.

9. A method for screening a substance, which comprises introducing a test sample containing the substance into a non-human animal or offspring thereof of claim 8, and quantifying cGMP in the cells of the non-human animal or offspring thereof.

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